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Dear Professor Richardson,

Thank you for your 12 April letter on the ONS' Household Costs Indices (HCIs). The development of our HCIs is a priority area for the ONS, and we are fully committed to developing them as part of our [consumer prices landscape](#). The next [HCI publication](#) is due on 4 May.

The original timeline for the development of the HCIs was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, as you note. We are keen to make progress, including further development of the indices and increasing the frequency of our HCIs publication from annually to quarterly. We are currently reviewing our capacity to progress HCIs work alongside other priorities including our [plans to transform UK consumer price statistics](#), our monthly consumer, producer and house price bulletins, and increased [analytical and data demands on the cost of living](#).

We will engage with the RSS and other stakeholders on our plans for the development of the HCIs in coming months. We would also welcome the opportunity to participate in the public meeting you are holding this summer on the applicability and future development of the HCIs.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Sir Ian Diamond